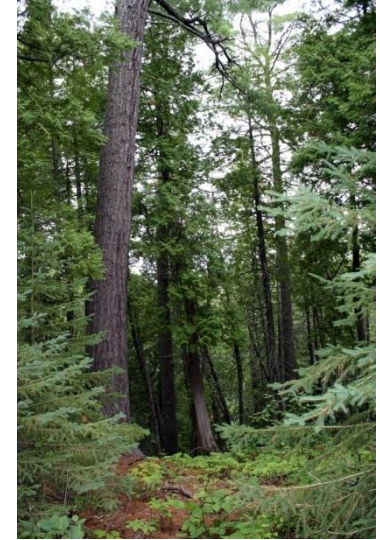
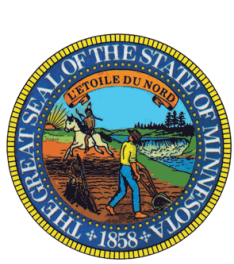


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LCCMR Funding and Proposal Process



General Timeline for Funding

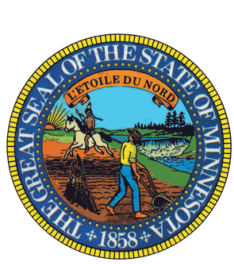
Mid-Late January :
RFP Issued

April - May:
Proposal Submission Deadline

May-July:
LCCMR considers proposals received and
determines its recommendations to legislature

Jan-May of the following year:
Legislature and governor consider and act upon
recommendations

July 1:
Approved projects begin

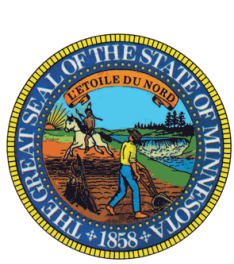


LCCMR Proposal Preparation



What Makes a Good Proposal?

- Responding to a clear and compelling need or problem.
- Provides a solution to the need or problem.
- Builds on previous efforts; doesn't seek to repeat previous work.
- Demonstrates the proposer has the ability to accomplish the project.
- "Right team for the job"
- Addresses one or more of the Funding Priorities elements.
- Meets the Evaluation Criteria
- Funding source fits the project (not the same as project fits the funding source)



LCCMR Proposal Preparation



Helpful Hints

- Read the entire RFP; Follow all of the instructions; Contact staff with any questions.
- Use clear, straight forward language.
- Activities: what do you want to *do*?
- Outcomes: what will you *have* as a result of what you do? These should be tangible and measureable.
- Budget: needs to correspond to proposed activities and outcomes.
 - Include only eligible expenses.
- Proofread.



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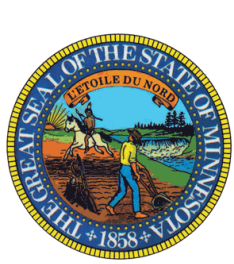


Example Project: Statewide Ecological Ranking of CRP and Other Critical Lands

Organization: BWSR

Project Overview:

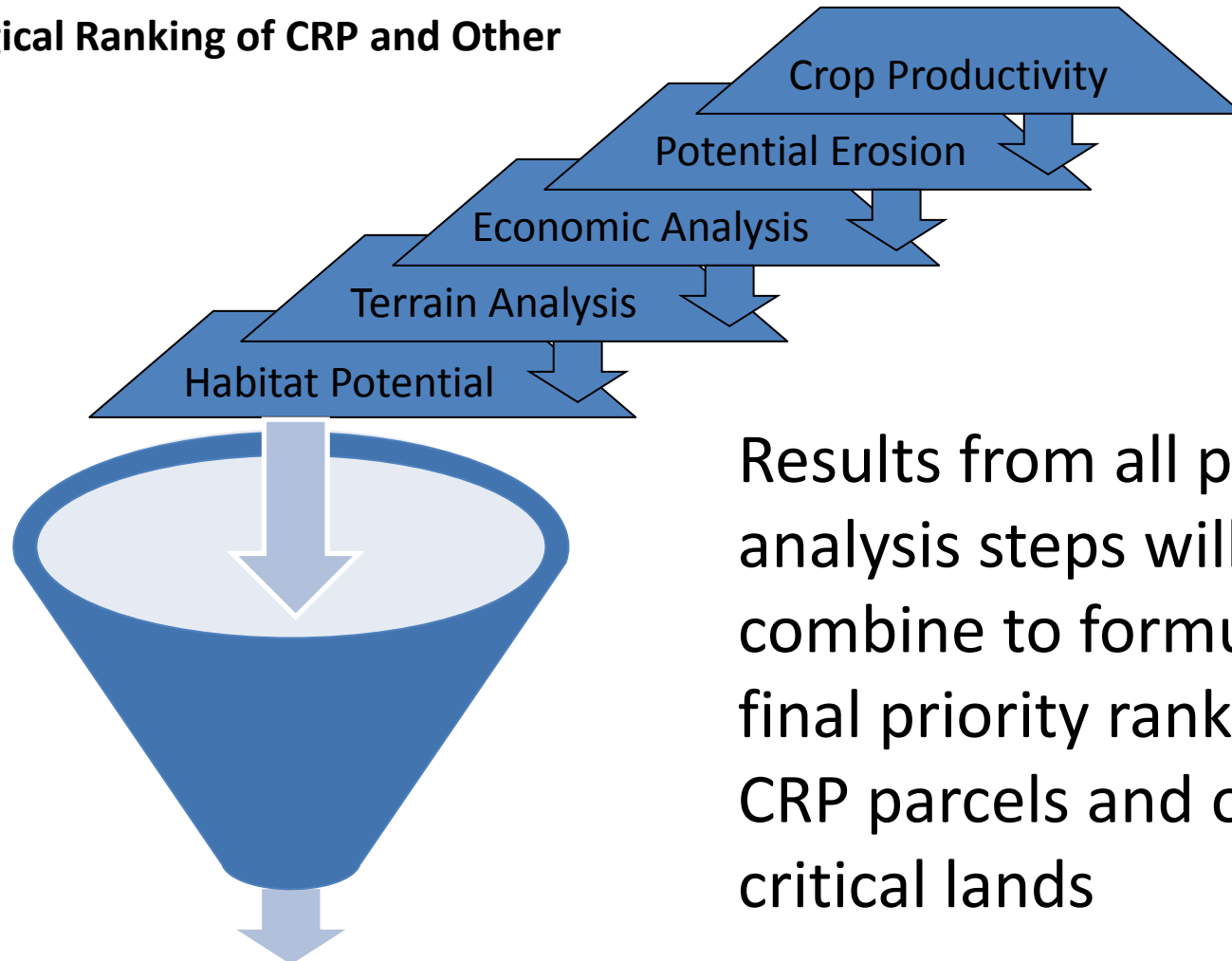
- Identifying and ranking ecological value of CRP and other critical lands throughout MN
- Rankings based on multiple factors including soil productivity, landscape, water, wildlife, and other relevant natural resource factors
- Rankings will enable “precision conservation” by providing quantifiable basis to prioritize conservation program efforts



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Statewide Ecological Ranking of CRP and Other Critical Lands



Final Priority Ranking

Results from all project analysis steps will combine to formulate a final priority ranking for CRP parcels and other critical lands



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Example Project: Protection of Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystem

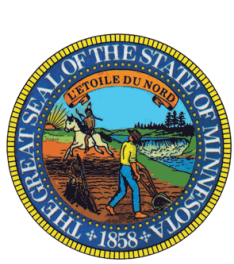
Organization: Renville Soil and Water Conservation District

Project Overview:

- Concentrated effort to protect ancient bedrock outcrops and associated wetlands in the Minnesota River Valley
- Outcrops provide unique habitat for specialized plant and animal communities rarely found elsewhere in MN
- Outcrops threatened by mining and other development interests

Information on all Trust Fund projects available @ www.lccmr.leg.mn





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Example Project: Agricultural and Urban Runoff Water Quality Treatment Analysis

Organization: Blue Earth County Drainage Authority

Project Overview:

- A community-based water quality and treatment demonstration project in which landowners, local government, and state agencies have developed a watershed approach to improving water quality and replacing outdated drainage systems
- Two surge basins, in-channel treatment, native grass buffer strips, and a rate control weir at the outlet of the ditch will be constructed
- Nine monitoring stations will record flow and water quality data for three years. This project will provide documentation on how successful water quality treatments can be incorporated into Drainage Law.



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Other Relevant ENRTF Projects

- *Natural Resource Data and Information:*
 - County Biological Survey
 - Soil Survey
 - County Geologic Atlases
 - Wetlands Inventory and Restorable Wetlands Inventory
 - Field Guide to MN Wetland and Buffer Plant Seedlings
- Farm Bill Assistance Project

Funding Source Overview

■ Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

- Administered by Legislative-Citizen Commission on MN Resources (LCCMR)
- Competitive *Request for Proposal (RFP)* process. LCCMR funding recommendations presented to legislature annually for consideration and appropriation
- Can be spent for the “public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.”

■ Outdoor Heritage Fund

- Established 2008 and recommended by Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC)
- Competitive *Call for Funding Requests* process; LSOHC funding recommendations presented to legislature annually for consideration and appropriation
- Can be spent to “restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.”

■ Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grants

- Sub-program of Outdoor Heritage Fund; administered by MN Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Competitive *RFP* process (grants up to \$400,000); allocation decided upon by DNR.
- Can be spent to “restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.”